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"THE BIG TERROR CASE"

Here is not so very much news to tell, except that at May the 2. (more than one year after the first arrests) the first interrogations at Court will start. 7 persons are still in custody, latest rumours are, that 4 of them will start talking (making statements), 2 will keep silent and 1 person still consider whether to talk or not.

We still don't know the names or anything certain about the 7, we can't show you their picture or tell who to contact - here is only little solidarity-work with the arrested: it's difficult to do something when you don't know the opinion or even identity , of the target for your solidarity. In Copenhagen some people have formed a solidaritygroup, they correspond with some of the arrested and a demo has been arranged every time the case have been to court (for a lengthening of the custody, not yet for a trial).

It all started a year ago when police arrested the first persons, suspected for bank- and post-robberies and "terrorism". Some month later the police found the groups "secret flat", in Blekingegad in Copenhagen, with weapons (26 anti-tank rockets, 38 handgranates, 25 anti-personel mines, 70 kg of explosives) and lots of papers, concerning the robberies, plans for kidnapping,and a list of 500 danish jews. (All this wasn't found at once, but as the investigation continued.)

Since the start 17 persons have been arrested. It seems like the cops will take the 7, now in custody, to court, and later on some of the others to a minor court, for cooperation.The big case (supposedly the biggest ever in Denmark) will be on charges for bank- and post-robberies (one of them including the killing of a young cop - that is why the police put so much effort into this investigation...), planning of robberies, planning of kidnapping (the son of a swedish business man), illegal possesion of weapons, - and also charge with §114, "the terror §", not because they suspect the group of terror-acts, but because the group have sent the money from the robberies to a "terrorist organization", - the palestinian PFLP.

ACTIONS

The organization "Illegal Apprentice Forum" has sent a number of forged gift-tokens to 400kr. from the big store, Magasin, to needy students. ILF want to - by this happening- t protest against the Minister of Education, Bertel Haarders, new rules of student-paying in different educations. ILF became known a couple of years ago when they kidnapped Be tel Haarders bicycle and vandalized it as a protest against cuttings in the transport support for the students.

In the night 8-2-90 an attack with stones, paint and acid was carried out against the spanish national touristbureau in Copenhagen. A group calling themselves Revolutionary Internationalists claimed the action to be in solidarity with the fight of the spanish political prisoners, and to gain attention to this fight and to the bad conditions in Spain in general, as a contrast to the "normal picture" Spain as sun, beaches and cheap alcohol...

BZ EVICTIONS BZ SQUAT FIGHTING BZ

In the beginning of february police evicted two squats, Sorte Hest & Mekanisk Musik Museum at Vesterbro in Copenhagen. The squats have existed for several years, the cops have wanted to get the squatters out for as long time, and 2-2 they got (made up themselves) their excuse - a police parol was "trapped" and attacked outside Cafe Morgenstjerne in Sorte Hest...

Here are the stroy told by some of the bz-ers (from Slamm, nr. 4, 13-2-90):

"Friday 2-2

Around 2^{00} in the night, in front of Cafe Morgenstjernen, 3 people are having a fight, in fun, and an accidentally passing patrol-car with 4 cops comes slose to arrest the 3. Fighting, no arrests, 1 wounded cop (he got a bottle thrown onto his head, the car leaves, droven by the wounded cop (fractured skull). After this all who leave the cafe are arrested (about 30 people). Later, in the morning, some people leave the houses with no problems! But at $14^{00}$the squats are evicted by "special-cops" in a Trojan Horse container. the 36 sleeping people in the houses are arrested and handcuffed - noone has time for resistance, the eviction only takes 10 minuts. Cops and workers then smash the houses - that is a new law which bind the owner of an empty house to "bz-secure" that is: smash it) 3 people are arrested in solitary, charged with violence against Public Servant in Duty. In the evening there was a chaotic meeting in Ungern (Youthhouse), and also revenge: bankwindows got smashed, streetfighting, people are forced back into a remaining squat, Baldersgade, teargas and molotovs are used, the fighting continue for several hours. 102 persons in all are arrested from thursday night to saturday morning. A "local police station" in Christianshavn in Copenhagen is burned down, another in Vanløse, has its windows smashed. The dansih embassy in Oslo and in Stockholm have Windows smahed and slogans sprayed, same happened to he General Consulate in Hamburg, where also 2 cars are smashed.

Satruday 3-3

"Illegal" (not-reported) demo from Town Hall to the evicted squats at Vestebro. About 200 people came, found their personal belongings at the houses and took it away. New meeting in the evening. In the night the embassy in Oslo is agaisn attacked.

Sunday 4-2

At noon several 100 people meet at the houses to re-squat and start renovating (tidy up, patch holes, plastic for the window-holes, electricity, gas, water supplies...). When this i done, at 18^{25} just after the squatters press-meeting, the cops attacked with no warnings the houses with teargas. Anout 150 people takes away, 6-10 are arrested, including a baby who is taken away from its parents, and in another car to anotehr place..

A large group of people from Norway, Germaany and Sweden had been to a punkfestival in the youthhouse, are being picked up during the day and deported.

In the night a police station in Farum is burned. The embassy in oslo is attacked for 3. time. Actions against danish firms in Amsterdam.

Monday 5--2

Supportdemo in Århus - 2 arrested.

Cafe Morgenstjerne re-opens in an empty site where a shack is built. 6 people are arrested for among otherthings to photograph the workers, who keep on smahing the houses.

At 18^{00} people goes from the site to the houses, they are quickly forced away by the cops, with batons.

The "trap-attack" in front of Cafe Morgenstjerne (the cops´ excuse for eviction without asking the ownwer, - they declared that they were called to the place, where a group of bzers waited for them) are now discussed and openly disbelieved in the press.

Tuesday 6-2

People again at the site, with food, torches, music and a big tent. Police visit in the night. The press is starting to turn around, become more critical to the cops. The owner of the house, Axel Juul, says: Bz can have the house, and he also asks for the preservation of the Sorte Hest building to be lifted so he can get a permission to demolish the house.

Wednesday 7-2

Rumours of demolition - tenants in the Sorte Hest area are told to be ready for moving.

Thursday 8-2

"Demolition picket". More than 100 people gather in the street, at 4^{30} in the morning, in pouring rain. After 1 hour at the houses and a meeting at the site, sops force people down Vesterbrogade. About 7^{00} people decide to leave.

The cops continue their press-campaign: "For 936.000kr stolen goods found in the squats".

Friday 9-2

Demo - about 3000 people, 20 banners from trade-unions to show support.

The danish General Consulate in Amsterdam smashed in solidarity.

Saturday 10-2

In the night the demolition firm Erik Struve a/s in Ganløse are vandalized - the firm participated in the smahing of the squats.

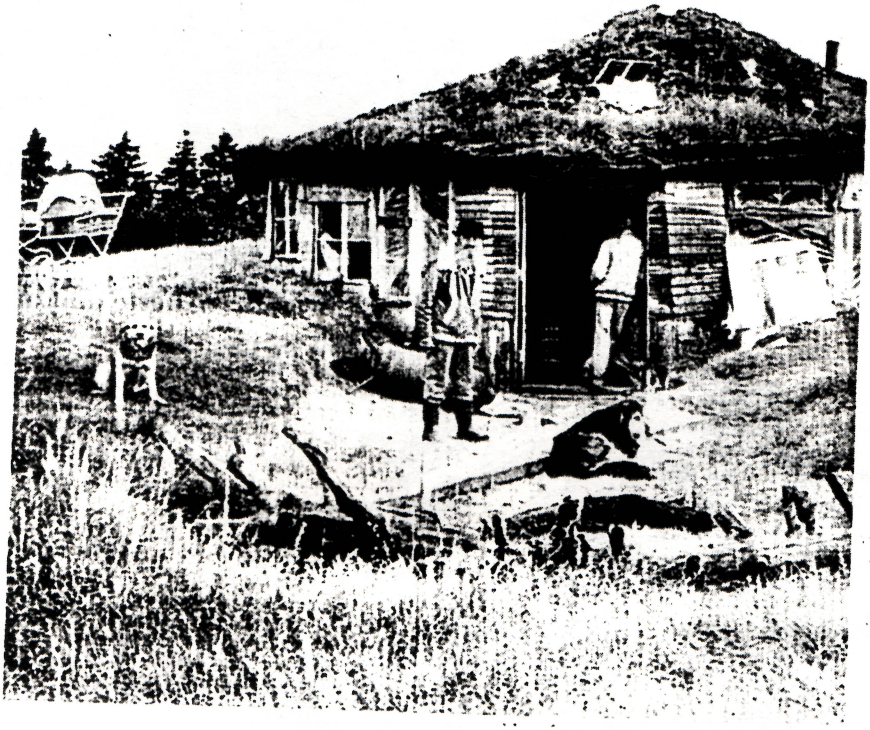
Monday 12-2

Picket/demo at the houses."

- and here their report ends.

Still (1-3) the situation is confused. Police still guard the houses to prevent re-squatting the owner want the houses demolished (to build more profitable things) but can´t because of the preservation, the police also want the houses demolished, "to get rid of the bz-problem", the politicians can´t (won´t) decide what to do.

Latest news are that the cops declare that they will not go to work if they are ordered to evict again - they don´t want to be targets of stones, they say. I don´t think they sympatizise with the squatters or even see some fairness in their demands - they simply try to press politicians to "the one solution that works" - that is: demolition, preferably of all squats...



THY-CAMP

Maybe a solution is near, to the nearly 20 years old "problem" - the New Societys Free Camp at Frøstrup in Thy.

A group of officials, from ministeries and local governments, have in very short time finished their work, and now present a number of proposals for the camps future, reaching from a "peaceful solution", full legalization, to a total confrontation, an aviction of the houses.

The group recommend the "peaceful solution" which means that the residents are given a number of dispensation, so that they can stay in their self-made houses, without keeping all building-laws, and that the fees they had to pay because they didn't remove the illegal houses will be remissed, and that they can keep on getting social secure-money and not have to work - the state will take over some of the expenses from the local authorities. But no more residants than now are accepted, and especially not people with social problems.

Anyway, this is just a proposal, from officials - the minister (min. for planning as the case juridically about permission to build, that is area planning) must decide soon, at the latst at 1-4-90.

And a representative for The New Society say they don't like to keep newcomers out - their idea is to be open for anybody. And the neighbours and local politicians say that experience tell them that the camp-people are so socially loaded that they are not able to keep an agreement...